

# Landscape Architecture

## College of Agricultural Sciences

**Landscape Architecture** students learn to plan, design, and manage both natural and built environments, blending aesthetic vision with scientific understanding. Through collaboration and leadership across disciplines, Landscape Architecture students address the dynamic relationships between natural and human systems — tackling challenges like climate change adaptation and mitigation, ecosystem stability, socio-economic development, and community well-being. Students become prepared to create resilient, inclusive, and thriving environments that support long-term social and economic vitality.

At CSU, students can pursue **Colorado's only nationally accredited undergraduate program in Landscape Architecture**. This program equips students with the creative, technical, and analytical skills needed to build careers in landscape architecture, planning, urban design, and related fields. A key to career success in this field is building strong relationships throughout your college/career journey (networking) and gaining hands-on experience through experiential learning.

### Entry Level Employers

BHA Design Inc.  
Civitas, Inc.  
Confluence  
Design Concepts  
Design Workshop  
Dig Studio  
Logan Simpson  
Michael Van Valkenburgh Assoc. Inc.  
Norris Design  
Ripley Design, Inc.  
RVi Planning  
Sasaki  
*Many more career pathways exist beyond these examples, which include a mix of verified roles held by CSU grads and common career paths.*

### Entry Level Job Titles

Entry Level Landscape Architect  
Landscape Designer  
Junior Associate Fiber Technician  
Utilities Designer  
Irrigation Designer  
Project Designer  
Park Planner  
CAD / BIM Technician  
GIS Analyst  
Illustrator

### Mid-Level Positions

*May require more experience or education*  
Landscape Architect  
Senior Designer  
Landscape Architect Analyst  
Design Studio Lead  
Professor  
Project Manager  
Senior Park Planner  
City Planner  
Program Director  
Community Design Specialist  
Senior Urban Designer

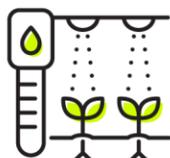
## Earning Potential & Financial Wellbeing

Typical earnings for Bachelor's degree holders are **86% higher** than those with a high school diploma.

**87%** of Bachelor's degree holders report **financial wellbeing** (20 points higher than groups with any other level of education).

Median lifetime earnings are **\$1.2 million** higher for bachelor's degree holders. Source: [APLU](#)

**Explore Major-Specific CSU Alum Live Career Data:**  
<https://col.st/omby6>





# Gaining Experience



Learning through direct experiences and active engagement is called **experiential learning**. These opportunities help you build **CSU Career Competencies** (skills employers highly value across all industries).

## Internships & Externships

**The Externship Program** offers an immersive 2–5 day experience during winter and spring breaks. Students gain real-world insight by shadowing professionals in landscape architecture firms (e.g., Civitas, Dig Studio, Norris Design) and municipal offices (e.g., City of Fort Collins Planning, Town of Severance Planning).

### Internships

Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc.

Sage Design Group

Wenk Associates

BHA Design

TB Group

## On-Campus Employment

On-Campus employment can help you build your network and develop career competencies while earning money.

Apply for on-campus employment year-round on [Handshake](#).

## LA Student Story



<https://col.st/x9wlu>

### Sam Holtshouser

Career Education Manager  
She/Her/Hers

### Nickey Pietila

Career Education Coordinator  
She/Her/Hers

## Research Opportunities

Explore MURALS, CURC, and TILT OURA Lab

[CAS Undergraduate Research Fellowship](#)

Explore [Research Programs & Labs](#) and [Research Centers](#)

[How to find a research experience in science](#)

## More experiential learning opportunities for LA majors

Join the Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (SCALSA) and other [clubs, orgs](#) and [competitive teams](#)

Study Abroad – Landscape Architecture in [Italy & France](#)

Landscape Architecture Days – annual spring lecture series with renowned professionals sharing insights

Attend career events like the Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Career Mixer

## Current Students – Connect with your college Career Team!

Schedule an appointment!



<https://col.st/BHYqD>



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